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**AMENDMENT AND REPLY UNDER 37 CFR 1.111**

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This communication is responsive to the Non-Final Office Action dated August 3, 2006, concerning the above-referenced patent application.

**Amendments** to the claims are reflected in the listing of claims, which begins on page 2 of this document.

**Remarks/Arguments** begin on page 4 of this document.

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